

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 23 with the following rewritten version:

-- Fig. 15 is ~~a view of~~ an enlarged cross-sectional view of a handle assembly of a spinning reel corresponding to Fig. 10 in accordance with a third preferred embodiment. --

Please replace the paragraph [0024] beginning at page 9, line 10 with the following rewritten version:

-- The cover member 14 is curved to cover the sides and the bottom of the housing unit 10 from the rear thereof onto which the first and second lids 11 and 12 are mounted. The cover member 14 is provided in order to close or connect the first and second cut-out portions 11b and 12b formed at the rear of the first and second lids 11 and 12, and to prevent the side and the rear face of the reel unit 2 including its rear end corner from being scratched. The cover member 14 is preferably made of a relatively hard synthetic resin such as ABS resin, and its surface is subjected to metal plating. In the cover member 14, stepped screw-fitting holes 14a and 14b are formed at the locations corresponding to the first and second screw holes 11f and 12f at the front side. Each of the first and second screw holes 11f and 12f has ~~have~~ a screw member 14c screwed therethrough. The screw member 14c is also screwed through the screw-fitting holes 14a and 14b so that the cover member 14 is fastened to the first lid 11 and second lid 12, and so that the cover member 14 can be opened or removed for maintenance. The cover member 14 is screwed onto the lower surface of the housing unit 10 at the rear end of the lower surface of the cover member 14. It is also fixed by a screw member 14d. --

Please replace the paragraph [0038] beginning at page 15, line 3 with the following rewritten version:

-- The rotor 3 is a so-called bail-less type of rotor in which a fishing line guide portion is provided on only one of the rotor arms. The rotor 3 includes, as shown in Figs. 3 and 6 to 8, a rotor unit 30 rotatively mounted to the reel unit 2 via the pinion gear 9, and a fishing line guide portion 31 fitted pivotably onto the rotor unit 30. The rotor unit 30 is made of, for example, a magnesium alloy, on the surface of which has an anodic oxide film formed thereon. The rotor unit 30 includes a cylindrical support portion 32 and first and second rotor arms 33 and 34 spaced from the support portion 32 and extending forward from respective opposing locations on the outer peripheral surface ~~surfaces~~ of the rear end of the support portion 32. --

Please replace the paragraph [0043] beginning at page 16, line 23 with the following rewritten version:

-- Referring now to Figs. 3 and 6, the line-entanglement prevention member 35 includes a cylindrical entanglement-preventing portion 35a formed to be flush ~~flushed~~ with the cylindrical portion of the support portion 32, and a pair of tongue-shaped attachment portions 35b provided on the rear end of the entanglement-preventing portion 35a and opposed to the center. The tip of the entanglement-preventing portion 35a has a larger diameter than the other portions thereof, thereby preventing the fishing line entered inside of the spool 4 from entering the rotor 3. In addition, a weight accommodating portion 35c for accommodating a weight 39 that corrects rotational balance is formed on the inner peripheral surface of the tip of the entanglement-preventing portion 35a. The weight 39 is made of, for

example, a tungsten alloy. Note that the weight accommodating portion 35c is depicted in Fig. 3 as if it were formed at a location near the second rotor arm 34 for the sake of clarity in illustration, but it is actually disposed, as shown in Fig. 6, at the mid position between the first rotor arm 33 and the second rotor arm 34 in the direction in which the fishing line guide portion 31 pivots. By disposing the weight accommodating portion 35c in this way, the rotational balance can be corrected by the weight 39 disposed on the opposite side of the fishing line guide portion 31 with respect to the rotational axis X, even if the fishing line guide portion 31 is tilted further away from the rotational axis X than the first line L1. --

Please replace the paragraph [0044] beginning at page 17, line 17 with the following rewritten version:

-- The line-entanglement prevention member 35 is fastened to the front wall 32a by two screw members 29 screwed from the front of the attachment portions 35b. The front face of the front wall 32a is formed to be a flat surface in a ring-like shape when the line-entanglement prevention member 35 is fitted, and even with the attachment portions 35b. In order to form such a flat surface with the attachment portions 35b on the front face of the front wall 32a, recessed portions 32c in which the tongue-shaped attachment portions 35b are fitted are formed in the front wall 32a. Accordingly, the structure is configured so that even when foreign matter enters from the spool 4 side and attaches thereto, the foreign matter can be easily removed by detaching the spool 4 and, for example, wiping it off. --

Please replace the paragraph [0047] beginning at page 18, line 19 with the following rewritten version:

-- The stationary shaft cover 44 is arranged on the tip of the stationary shaft 42, and is an approximately cone-shaped member in which the vertex 44b is tilted rearward and toward the spool 4. The region indicated by hatching in Fig. 7 that is near the ridge line of the stationary shaft cover 44 on the rear surface thereof forms the fishing line guide surface 44c that guides fishing line to the line roller 43. A thumb recess portion 44a that is recessed from the rest of the part is formed on the front face of the stationary shaft cover 44. This type of [[a]] thumb recess portion 44a is useful in returning the fishing line guide portion 31 from the line-winding posture to the line-releasing posture. The fishing line-catching portion 45 is formed so that it is smoothly continuous with the vertex 44b and bulges from the vertex 44b, and so that the tip thereof is thicker than the rest of the fishing line-catching portion 45 other portions. --

Please replace the paragraph [0050] beginning at page 19, line 20 with the following rewritten version:

-- As shown in Fig. 9, a male threaded portion 16a and chamfered portions 16b that are cut out parallel to each other are formed on the fore-end of the spool shaft 16, and the spool 4 is fitted non-rotatably and detachably to the spool shaft 16 by a removable nut 55 that is screwed on the male threaded portion 16a. --

Please replace the paragraph [0053] beginning at page 20, line 14 with the following rewritten version:

-- As shown in Fig. Fig 9, the boss portion 4e has a regular hexagonal outer shape. The boss portion 4e is fitted rotatably to the spool shaft 16, but is made non-rotatable relative to the spool shaft 16 with a mounting member 56. The mounting member 56 includes a boss-

engagement member 57 to engage non-rotatably with the boss portion 4e, and an engagement member 58 to make the boss-engaging member 57 non-rotatable relative to the spool shaft 16. The boss-engagement member 57 includes an interlock recess portion 57b and four circular interlock projections 57d. The interlock recess portion 57b has a twelve-point star-like cross section and is formed in a front face 57a of the boss-engagement member 57 opposing the boss portion 4e. The four circular interlock projections 57d engage the engagement member 58, and are provided on a rear face 57c of the boss-engagement member 57. The engagement member 58 is a disk-like member having at its center a slit 58a configured to engage non-rotatably the chamfered portions 16b of the spool shaft 16. Also provided on its outer peripheral surface are four interlock grooves 58b for interlocking with the interlock projections 57d. By fitting the slit 58a with the chamfered portions 16b, the engagement member 58 is fitted non-rotatably to the spool shaft 16. By interlocking the interlock projections 57d with the interlock grooves 58b, the boss-engagement member 57 is made non-rotatable relative to the spool shaft 16. It should be noted that a washer member 59 made of an elastic material is preferably fitted in the interlock recess portion 57b of the boss-engagement member 57. The washer member 59 has a hole 59a having an unstretched or relaxed inner diameter slightly smaller than the outer diameter of the spool shaft 16. By fitting the hole 59a onto the spool shaft 16, back-and-forth movement of the boss-engagement member 57 and the engagement member 58 is restricted relative to the spool shaft 16. --